excise officers or by export inspection agencies, Textile Committee, etc. are not reuqired to be examined at point of export except for random/intelligence based checks. Likewise, for export consignments belonging to established exporters having unblemished track record, routine examination of each consignment has been dispensed with.

Apart from the aforesaid changes, the goods imported by exporters under the various export schemes (100 per cent EOU/EPZ Schemes, Advance Licensing Scheme, etc.) are granted expeditious clearance by setting apart a set of officers exclusively to assess such imports at the major Ports.

2601. [*Transferred to 26th August, 1993.*]

Recruitment Rules of the Indian Cost Accounts Service

2602. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amendments to the recruitment rules of the Indian Cost Accounts Service to recruit 25 per cent of the officers at Deputy Director level was made to get people for posting outside Delhi;

(b) how many officers have been recruited on the basis of this amendment so far, what are their names and how many of them have been posted outside Delhi;

(c) whether it is a fact that the officers recruited and who are in position were a part of the service before such recruitment; and

(d) whether it is fact that the direct recruitment at Deputy Director level provides a window for recruiting the favourites of the top bureaucrates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASEKHAR MURTHY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Four officers have been recruited on the basis of this amendment viz. S/Shri B. S. Raghunathan, R. Asokan, S. C. Bera and J. P. Singh; one of these officers has been posted outside Delhi.

(c) Two out of the four officers mentioned at (b) above were part of the Service before recruitment to the post of Deputy Director.

(d) No, Sir, direct recruitment is done through the Union Public Service Commission.

Banks in Maharashta question

2603. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of branches of various Nationalised Banks in the rural areas of Maharashtra;

(b) bank-wise break up as on date;

(c) number of Regional Rural Banks operating in Maharashtra;

(d) whether there is any proposal to open more Regional Rural Banks during the current financial year; and

(e) if so, the region-wise break up thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) and (b) The number of branches of each public sector banks functioning in rural areas of Maharashtra as on 30 September,